Docking Facilities in the Cochin Shipbuilding Yard

*198. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government intends to take to increase the avilability of docking facilities in the Cochin Shipbuilding Yard; and

(b the amount provided for that purpose in the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) and (b) Augmentation, upgradation and modernisation of Shipbuilding/Shiprepair Facilities is a continuous process and it is done through the Plan Schemes. During the 8th Five Year Plan a sum of Rs. 33.55 crores was spent for the purpose in Cochin Shipyard Limited. In the 9th Five Year Plan, an outlay of Rs. 65 crores has been provided. In addition, Cochin Shipyard Ltd. have initiated action to conduct a feasibility study for creation of an additional Shiprepair Complex. For this, a sum of Rs. 5 crores is provided in the 9th Five Year Plan.

Telephone Directory for Gurgaon

*199. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telephone directory for Gurgaon district has not been published for last more than 10 years;

(b if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Government propose to provide telephone directory to the telephone subscribers in Gurgaon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gurgaon Revenue District became a full fledged Secondary Swiching Area (SSA) in April, 1986 and Faridabad Revenue District was merged into Gurgaon SSA. The Headquarters of TDM/GM is at Faridabad. The Faridabad Telephone numbers were printed in Delhi Telephone Directory and continued in Delhi Telephone Directory till 1992. Gurgaon telephone numbers were included in Gurgaon-Narnaul (Rewari) telephone directory till 1987. A tender was separately floated for bringing out combined Telephone Directory at Gurgaon and Faridabad in the year 1994 but could not be printed due to contractual reasons and tender was again processed in 1997.

(c) The directories have been printed now and distribution to public has commenced w.e.f. 8th June, 1998.

Savings Rate for 1998-99

*200. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the anticipated savings rate for India for 1998-99 in view of the Prime Minister's recent statement projecting a GDP growth rate of 8 per cent per annum, as annual savings rate is related to GDP growth;

(b) whether it would be possible to achieve a saving rate of 30% this year to sustain the projected GDP growth rate of 8%; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to achieve this target both in terms of savings rate and GDP growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) The estimates of savings and investments are released by Central Statistical organisation (CSO). According to the latest available estimates released by CSO in February 1998, the Gross Domestic Savings as a percent of GDP reached an all time high of 26.1% in 1996-97 and Gross Domestic Capital Formation as a persent of GDP reached a level of 27.3% in

1996-97. No official estimate of the savings rate is available for 1998-99.

(b) and (c) The Central Government Budget for 1998-99 presented to the Parliament on June 1, 1998 contains various measures and policies which are likely to have positive impact on savings. These include, amongst others, a number of measures to boost growth of agriculture, industry and housing, various reforms in financial and capital markets including insurance and provident fund, reduction of fiscal deficit from 6.1% of GDP in 1997-98 (RE) to 5.6% in 1998-99 (BE) and no change in the tax structure either for individual or corporate taxes.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Recovery of dues from private airlines

1354. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether private airlines operating in domestic routes owe various dues to Government;

(b) if so, how many such airlines owe these dues, since when and the amount they owe to Government; and

(c) what steps are being taken to recover these dues and whether in future steps will be taken to promptly deposit these amounts with various governmental authorities?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Ye, Sir.

(b) Details are given given in the statement. (*See* below)

(c) The oil companies are taking legal action to recover the dues from the private airlines.

All efforts are made by the AAI to recover the dues. The defaulting airlines are regularly reminded to clear the dues, failing which their security deposit is adjusted against the dues. Further, the credit facility has also been withdrawn in some cases.

For recovery of IATT, action including detention of aircraft is taken as per law against the defaulting airlines.

Statement

Outstanding dues (Rs. in crores) of Oil Companies, Inland Air Travel Tax (IATT) and Airports Authority of India (AAI)

S.No.	Name of Airlines	Dues of Oil Companies (As on 30.6.97)	IATT (Customs as on 31.3.98)	Dues AAI (as on 31.3.98)
1.	Modiluft -	18.16	20.16	03.264
2.	Jet Airways -	13.94	——	04.006
3.	Archana Airways -	——	——	00.118
4.	Skyline - NEPC-	20.56	14.45	02.007
5.	Sahara India -	04.97	——	03.286
6.	UP Airways -	——	01.66	00.180
7.	East West -	02.62	06.49	15.773
8.	Airlines Tower Air —	——	——	——